1	2	3	4
10.	Sikkim	22.5	6.9
11.	Tripura	18.9	7.7
III. UNION TERRITORIES			
1.	A & N Islands	18.7	5.8
2.	Chandigarh	19.5	5.7
3.	D & N Haveli	29.7	8.2
4.	Daman & Diu	21.8	8.0
5.	Lakshadweep	25.5	7.6
6.	Pondicherry	20.1	7.6

Source - Sample Registration System, RG, India

#: Excludes J & K & Mizoram

NA: Not Available

[Translation]

MPLADS Plan

2285. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the amount provided under MPLADS is spent/can be spent by the District Magistrates as per the instructions of the Members of Parliament;

(b) whether the Government have received some complaints that the District Magistrates have spent the amount arbitrarily or have spent more amount than the amount approved by the Member of Parliament;

(c) if so, the action the Government propose to take against the concerned officer in this regard;

(d) if so, whether the concerned Member of Parliament is also informed of the action taken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) The District Magistrates are to implement the works recommended by a Member of Parliament, provided these are in conformity with the guidelines on the scheme and feasible.

(b) to (e) Some such complaints have been reported. The matter has been taken up with DCs/State Govts for appropriate action, under intimation to concerned MPs.

Primary Health Centres in Bihar

2286. SHRI MAHABIR LAL BISHVAKARMA:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of Primary Health Centres functioning at present in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): As per the information received from the State of Bihar, the details of Primary Health Centres functioning in the State, as on August, 1995, are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of PHCs
1	2	3
1.	Patna	79
2.	Nalanda	51
3.	Bhojpura	71
4.	Rohtas	82
5.	Aurangabad	69
6.	Jehanabad	44
7.	Gaya	84
8.	Nawada	41
9.	Saran	59
10.	Siwan	55
11.	Gopal Ganj	37
12.	Paschim Champaran	54
13.	Purba Champaran	74
14.	Sitamarhi	68
15.	Muzaffarpur	67
16.	Vaishali	50
17.	Begusarai	48
18.	Samstipur	67
19.	Darbhanga	60
20.	Madhubani	87
21.	Saharsa	52
22.	Madhepura	23
23.	Purnia	99
24.	Katihar	39
25.	Khagaria	21
26.	Munger	95
27.	Bhagalpur	77
28.	Godda	18
29.	Sahibganj	47
30.	Dumka	69

1	2	3
31.	Deoghar	14
32.	Dhanbad	43
33.	Giridih	49
34.	Hazaribagh	62
35.	Palamau	68
36.	Lohardaga	20
37.	Gumla	40
38.	Ranchi	68
39.	Singhbhum	68
	TOTAL	2209

[English]

Release of Fishermen

2287. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have released some fishermen/other persons detained by them; and

(b) if so, the number of fisherman/other persons detained in the jails in both the countries and number of them released both by India and Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA): (a) and (b): During the Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan held in Islamabad from 19-23 June, 1997 it was decided that fishermen/crew members of fishing vessels/cargo boats confirmed by both countries to be held in each other's custody would be released. Accordingly India released 194 Pakistani fishermen and crew members and Pakistan released 193 Indian fishermen and crew members on 15th July, 1997. The Indian fishermen and crew members returned to India on 15.07.97.

During the Foreign Secretary level talks, it was also agreed that efforts would be made to confirm the remaining fishermen and crew members held in each other's custody. Government are pursuing the matter with the Government of Pakistan through diplomatic channels. Our efforts for the release/repatriation of all Indian prisoners under detention in Pakistan, including the remaining Indian fishermen and crew members continue.

[Translation]

Vacant Reserved Posts

2288. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:
SHRI N.J. RATHWA

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of posts reserved for SCs/STs lying vacant in his Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and its allied departments category-wise;

(b) whether non-SC/ST employees are working on these posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to fill up the back log of SC/ST; and

(e) the time by which these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a): As per information available as on 31st March, 1997, the following category-wise posts to be filled by Direct Recruitment Method and reserved for SCs/STs are lying vacant in the Department of the Ministry of Health and F.W. and its subordinate offices;

S.No.	Group	SCs	STs
1.	'A'	5	19
2.	'B'	1	-
3.	'C'	74	136
4.	'D'	-	4

(b) Non-SC/ST employees are not appointed on a regular basis to the posts reserved for SC/ST.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) From time to time, the Government has launched Special Recruitment Drives to fill up the posts reserved for SC/ST. Efforts are made to fill up the backlog vacancies by sending requisitions to the UPSC/SSC/Others (advertisements issued/requisition sent to Employment Exchange) by this Ministry and its allied departments.

(e) Efforts are being made to fill up the posts as early as possible. However no time frame can be prescribed.

[English]

Employment Abroad

2289. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: